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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Grand Panoramic View of the FUNERAL OF TOM SAYERS will be published in No. 201, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1866, when the following splendid Engravings will be given, namely—
SAYERS'S BIRTHPLACE AT BRIGHTON.
HIS COTTAGE AT CAMDEN-TOWN.
MR. MENSLEY'S HOUSE, WHERE SAYERS DIED.
THE ROOM IN WHICH HE DIED.
THE FUNERAL CORTAGE PASSING THE "BRITANNIA" AND "OLD MOTHER RED CAP."
TOM'S FAVOURITE CORNER AT THE "BRITANNIA."

HIS PONY AND PHAETON HIS FAVOURITE MASTIFF
INCIDENTS ON THE ROAD.
MISS COUTTS'S COTTAGE, SWAINES LANE.
ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY.
INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL.
THE ROAD TO THE GRAVE.
A VIEW OF THE FINEST PLACE OF THE BURN.
THE READING OF THE WILL, &c., &c., &c.
Also on SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1866, A MONUMENT FOR MR. SAYERS, Designed expressly for the "I. S." by a Celebrated Artist.
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THE GREAT FIGHT BETWEEN ROOKE & RYALL, for £400, ON THE 16TH OF JANUARY.

The ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS of Saturday next will contain the fullest information of the progress of this great event, and will give the latest reports from the training quarters of the men, betting, &c., &c.

THE CLOWN.

"Gadzooks, my dear fellow," exclaimed the manager, "if I were an educated cove like you, I could make my fortune in a few years."
"Ah! how?" said I, anxious to obtain information from one who had the reputation of knowing a thing or two.
"Why, by turning clown, to be sure," was the answer. "Join my circus; we open at Birmingham in a week. I have just come from Newcastle, where I have been with Bella, my black mare, and am now in search of novelties. You are just the man I require. I will give you thirty bob a week to start with; and if we hit it, and you hit the audience, why, in a couple of months, I will double it. What do you say?"
"What do I say? Done at once," said I, after a short pause of reflection; "but there will be some difficulty in my at once turning clown without having 'ved something like an apprenticeship."
"Bah!" said Chirper: "never, while you live, of difficulties. Rely upon it, turning clown is the easiest thing in the world; you will, with the exhibition of a little tact, appear to the manner."



matter enough, matter enough I can tell you." "Childers: Well, then, what is it?" "Clown: Oh! my precious legs, oh, dear!" "Childers: Legs? why what on earth is wrong with 'em? They are there all right ain't they?" "Clown: No, sir; oh! dear no, they ain't all right at all, sir. Don't you see they are gone to a shadow?—two drumsticks, sir; and yet they are not strong enough to be played with, I can tell you." "Childers: Come, come, sir; jump about, sir, and no capers, sir; a British audience expects every man to do his duty, sir. (Flourishing his whip.) "What air? it's quite impossible to jump without capers, sir; but my legs won't jump at all now, for they have no strength." "Childers: How does that come about, sir? Let us hear how they lost their strength, will you?" "Clown: Why, you see, sir, it's a melancholy story, but won't take long to tell; my father, being a very economical man, had our shoes always made for our growth, and to keep them on our feet we stuffed them with hay; and oh! sir, my calves came down one day to have a feed upon the hay, and they forgot to go up again, sir! and that's all, sir—a melancholy tale, isn't it, sir?"
"You know you can give them lots of gag in telling it, and no fear of its success. Then you know you could follow it up with the porter business. Childers will ask you to bring a pint of stout. Of course you do so. He objects to its being in pewter, and tells you to be gentle, and bring it in a tumbler. There is a good hit; for, stepping aside, you drink the stout, and then when he is in a great passion, you quietly ask him if he didn't tell you to bring it in a tumbler, and if you are not a tumbler and so on."
"This 'gag' is a great commodity in the circus—even on the stage it is useful. I have seen on the Edinburgh stage a whole scene 'gagged,' by Murray, Mackay, and Lloyd, and capital fun it was. In a circus, and by clowns and ring-masters, 'gag' is ever in demand. 'Oh, just gag it,' is a common saying, and by a little physical exertion an immense deal of fun may be made out of nothing. A good clown knows how to keep the ball rolling and the audience in good humour."
The foregoing is an extract from Peter Paterson's "Glimpses of Real Life," and is wonderfully true, as far as the circus clown is concerned. For the stage, something more refined and legitimately humorous, is required, to assist the red hot poker and sausage appropriation business. The pantomime clown should be a fellow of infinite jest, and certainly no better specimen could be found than the gentleman whose portrait appears in this page—Mr. Persivani, who believes in the rare old-fashioned business of the clown, and produces roars of laughter by his exaggerated acting and wonderfully real pantomime.

M. PERSIVANI, the Popular Clown, in the Pantomime of "Blue Beard" at the Alexandra Theatre.

THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS.

Mr. A. W. Clayton's b g Light Heart, a 12st 4lb
Mr. M. Blake 2

Mr. S. Windsor's b g Dick Turpin, aged, 11st.....Harden 2

The following also ran—Lurline, Fly-by-Night, Mountain Boy,
Stella (late Diana), Ragsy & Rogue.

Glasgow was sick and took at 8.30 on the morning of the race.

Betting: 2½ 1agst Lurline, 6 to 2agst The Rogue, 4 to 1agst Fly-
by-Night, and 5 to 1agst Crasade. Light Heart and Crusade jumped
the first fence side by side, but upon arriving on the second they took
a clear lead, his steady pace being very good, going on second, The
Rogue third, and Lurline fourth; Fly-by-Night, Dick Turpin, and
Stella following next at wide intervals, with Mountain Boy, who
could not go the pace, bringing up the rear. Excepting a mile,
Rogue exchanged places with Light Heart, after which he was
there was no material change in position. On leaving the third fence
run about a mile, where Fly-by-Night fell. Passing the stand the
second time, Crusade was some three or four lengths in front of The
Rogue, who was clear of Light Heart, at whose heels followed Lurline,
fifty lengths behind whom, and separated by a wide interval, were
Mountain Boy and Dick Turpin. Having pulled up before
reaching the stand, A mile from home Lurline came to grief, and
little further the race was reduced to a match between The Rogue and
Crusade, each alternately having the lead, though The Rogue was
evidently in waiting. Quarter of a mile from the winning post
The Rogue quitted Crusade, each spitting as they came to the last jump
and reaching the goal in succession.

The Rogue cleared the bank on the left of the same flag, which the lo-
wer over in the previous round. When they closed, after each had
jumped the fences at which they were put, The Rogue came in
first, but by two lengths. Light Heart, beaten twenty lengths, was
nothing else passed, and was seen to have been in the box, although
shortly afterwards Mountain Boy ridden home. Captain Starcke
the only steward present, witnessed the race, and upon ascertain-
ing that The Rogue ought to have gone over the hurdles, and not the
bank, awarded the race to Crusade. The Rogue was disqualified, and
Light Heart placed second.

THE CHAM. HANDICAP OF 3 sows each, 1ft, with 29 added, for all ages
the second saved her stake; the winner of any flat race after Dec.
5th extra. About one mile on the flat.

Mr. Dobson's b f Moorgane, by Gameboy—Christina, 4 yrs 1
7st 4lbSleigh 1

Mr. Phillips's br f Diana (n.b.) 6 yrs, 8st.....Tomlinson 1

Dr. O. Clayton's Professor Milne (late Strong Boer), 4
yrs, 7st 5lbKey 3

Mr. Lyon as bl h Outlon Lowe, 4 yrs, 8st 7lbT. Darlow 3

Mr. Williams's bl h Outlon Lowe, 4 yrs, 8st 7lbT. Darlow 3

Mr. Smith's br f The Abot (n.b.), 5 yrs, 8st 3lb (in 5lb
extra).....Gregory 0

Mr. R. Hueson's bl g Malvern, 4 yrs, 7st.....Hoystead 0

Mr. Proume's f by Cannobie—Hopkins, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb
.....Challoner 0

Mr. Wilkin's br f Easton Lass, 3 yrs, 6st 7lbStagg 0

Mr. Merone's br f Indulgence, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb.....Merone, jun. 0

Betting: 6 to 4 agst Tilt, 3 to 1 agst the Hopbine filly, 5 to 1 agst
Moorgane, 8 to 1 agst Outlon Lowe, and 10 to 1 agst Malvern.

was first away, followed by Outlon Lowe and Tilt. Professor
Milne and Moorgane were close together, and the latter, which was whipped in
at the Cannobie filly, who joined the leading division two distances from
home, but immediately dying away, Diana came on with a clear lead
to within twenty strides of the winning post, where Moorgane
instantly answering to an urgent call made upon her by the starter, she
leapt forward, and won the race in a short dash.

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Betting: 6 to 4 on Little Fox, and 7 to 4 agst Blue Light. Won a good race by a neck.

SHOOTING.

HORNSEY WOOD.

Dec. 30.—The attendance at these grounds was not quite up to the average on Saturday, owing to the coursing at Hampton and the sporting fixtures drawing away several of the regular frequenters. There was a deal of bye-shooting at pigeons at 28 and 30 yards.

opening of and several dozen of Barber's best birds were disposed of. Mr. and M. Berkeley shot seven matches, at three birds each, 25 rise, five traps, 14 oz shot, for £5 a side, Mr. Berkeley winning the

first and the three last. Mr. Rudd, not shooting up to his usual was on able to score two after tying twice. They afterwards matches at 30 yards rise on the same conditions, where Berkeley was again fortunate enough to score two to his opponent.

one. They then shot three matches at five birds each, same condition as before. When Mr Berkeley's skill was again in the ascendant, he scored 10 to his opponent's one. Score:—

(t) (at first 28 yards. Mr. Rudd, ... 1 0 1-0 0-0 0 0-1 1 0 (ties) 1-0 0-0 1 1-

Mr. Berkeley	111-11-00-110 (ties)	0-11-11-11
Mr. Budd...	101 (ties)	1-001-010-11100 (ties)
Mr. Berkeley	101 (ties)	1-001-010-11100 (ties)

011 (ties) 0-011-11-11100 (ties)

ed; winners
10 a.m., 7lb

contended for the side at 10 birds 10% of shot, 60 yards for

former standing at 10 yards, and the latter at 19. Gregory killing seven of 10, and Vickers only four out of the same number. Mr. Bailey refused to fire.

Pigeon shoot at Oughtibridge.—A pigeon
ing handicap tot place at the house of Mr. Ibbotson, Filesmiths
Oughtibridge.
fourteen entered at 5s., at 3 birds each, Hyde
rules. Mr. J. G. killed all his birds and won the sweep.

Mr. F. Beckers acted as referee. SHOOTING HANDBAP AT OUGHTIBRIDGE.—A pigeon shooting cap came off at Mr. Howe's, Cook Inn, Oughtibridge; entrance

	Gun.	Yards rise.	Total
L. Fox		10	0

half a mile from	T. Makin	single	18	0	0
undred yards	J. Jagger	single	18	0	1
ad, and at	W. Mate	single	21	0	0
g the stand	T. Crawshaw	single	21	0	1
Abbott, upon	W. Bage	single	20	0	1
the entrance	W. Howe	single	21	0	0
Crumps, evi-	J. Turner	single	18	0	0
others, sepa-	Jonathan Makin	single	17	0	0
A mile from	A. Gregory	single	18	0	0
from Acelyte,	Jool Rhodes	single	18	0	0
the Queen	J. Mate	single	18	0	1
never caught,	Mike Gregory	single	18	0	0
d a length in	Messrs. John Mate, T. Crawshaw, and Makin	single	18	0	0
	and divided. Mr. F. De	single	18	0	0

With 50 added;
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ON Friday, at Mr. Wallhead's, Crow Tree-road, Bishopwearmouth, some interesting shooting came off. The first match was between twenty members, at 5s., three birds each. After eight birds each had been killed by Johnson, of Hetton, and Stringer, of Sunderland, they agreed to divide. Another match of twenty-five members, at 5s. each, was afterwards shot off, when, after some exceedingly good shooting, Messrs. Panton and Pittilo, divided the stakes.

PIGEON SHOOTING.—A pigeon shooting match recently took place in a field behind the Royal Hotel, Par Station. A great number of pigeons were provided, and there was a very large gathering of people to witness the sport. The shooting was remarkably good, and only one bird was allowed to escape. A dinner was subsequently provided at the hotel.

RABBIT COURSING.

CARDIGAN ARMS,—LILL AND LILL.—The match to run the best

LANCASHIRE AND WARRINGTON.—The backers of these dogs, which are matched to run the best of 21 courses at rabbits, for £15 a side, must make another deposit of £5 each with Mr. Woolfoot, on Monday next, Jan. 8. The match is fixed to be run at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, Jan. 13.

MACCLESFIELD.

PARK END GROUNDS.—A rabbit coursing sweepstakes, for dogs all weights, was run at the above grounds on Monday, towards which the proprietor, Mr. James Williamson, gave £5. The ties were

PARK EEND GROUNDS.—A match has been made between James Hiamson's dog Rover, of Macclesfield, and Charles Mitchell's dog bot, to run the best of twenty-one courses, 60 yards law allowed. £10. £1 was duly handed to Mr. J. Skinner, on Saturday last, as appointed final stakeholder, and a similar amount must be paid to-day (Saturday). The match is fixed to come off at the Park Coursing Grounds, Macclesfield, on Jan. 22, Rover to receive dead rabbits. Mr. Joseph Morris to fill the office of referee, and if the well-known abilities of the quadrupeds an exciting contest is needed.

SHEFFIELD.
NEWHALL.—Mr. J. Barker, of the Greyhound Tavern, Pin street, having announced that he would give £9 to be coursed for

After the conclusion of the above, another sweepstake was commenced, in which Mr. Henry Phoenix, of the Ball Inn, Pondingrove, gave £35 to be contested for by dogs of all sizes—first prize, second, £6; third, £3; fourth, fifth, and sixth, £2 each. Entries, £1 each; small dogs, 14s. Forty-five dogs entered. The following are the results of the courses:—Small Dogs—Johnson's Fell, Barker's, Beever's Vicarage Ashmore's, Phillips', Fulwood's, Lyde's, Barker's, Gues's, Horner's Fly beat Cawthorne's, May's, Mycock's, and the winner was Mr. Phoenix's dog, Miss Kate, bypton's.

MONDAY.—Siddall's Wasp beat Raven's Trap, Cross's Luce, Phoenix's Tet, Spencer's Whistlebeat Kitchen's Wasp, Phoenix ran a bye Wright's Poll ran a bye Gadh's Luce and Thor-

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Ready Remedy. When winter sets in the constitution undergoes many trials, from some of which disease will result unless the blood repelled from the surface of the body and organs is admitted it and secretions adapted to consume it. This preservative remedy cleanses the kidneys and bowels, from undue congestion of Holloway's Pills which regulate their secretions and so diverting any surplus quantity of blood from the surface of the body to the interior. In any such situation where its continued presence must be mischievous, with the aid of the accompanying directions, neither the Pills and an attentive perusal of the enclosed directions, neither through the trying time of winter.



SPORTS OF THE SEASON, No. 1.—COURSING—"THE SLIP."

THE GARDEN.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

As the weather continues much the same, the operations recommended to be performed in the past month should be proceeded with. Cauliflowers, if the autumn sowing failed, it will be advisable to sow in a box, which may be placed in a forcing-house, and when the plants are of sufficient size prick them out in a frame on a slight hotbed. Celery trenches should now be dug out, so that they may receive the benefit of frost; in spring Cauliflowers may be planted in them, and dwarf Peas or Lettuce between, and these crops will be off by the time the trenches are wanted. Cucumbers, a seed bed should now be

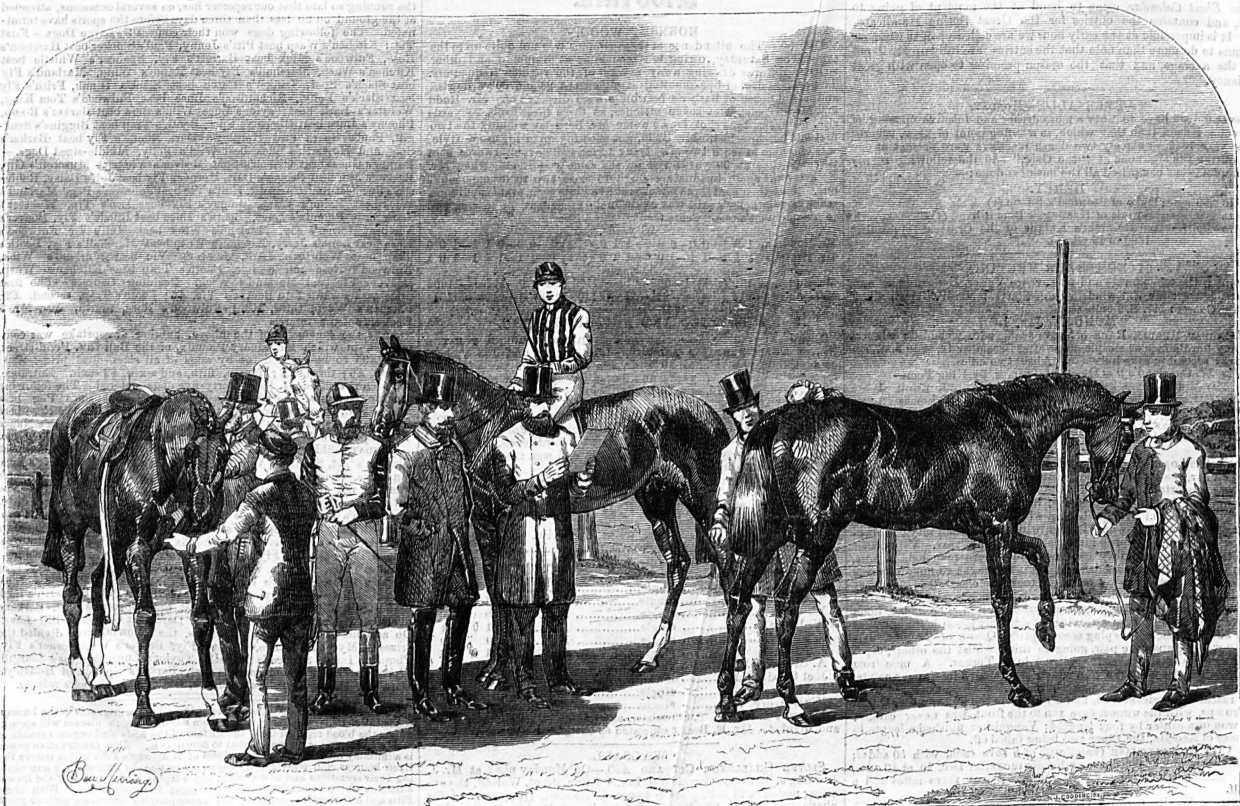
made to raise young plants for the hotbeds, a one-light box is generally of sufficient size for this purpose; after the bed is made, and the heat is up, the dung should be forked up every other morning to the depth of a foot, until the burning heat has subsided. Dwarf Kidney Beans, earth-up as they advance in growth, never allow them to grow to too great a height before this is done; water them before earthing-up if they are at all dry. Potatoes, if young ones are wanted very early, some Early Frame, or any of its varieties may be planted in a slight hotbed; if it is not convenient to plant them immediately, they may be laid in a forcing-house till they begin to shoot. Radishes, a second crop may now be sown in a similar situation to the last—that is, on a slight hotbed. Dandelions should now be prepared for forcing the various culinary vegetables which are required early; a considerable quantity of leaves may be used with it.

FRUIT GARDEN.

The work of trenching, draining, preparing borders for fruit trees, pruning, nailing, and dressing the ground may be proceeded with. Fruit trees may be removed and planted, but take care to keep the frost from the roots of newly-planted trees.

FLOWER GARDEN.

The absence of frost from the ground has permitted of a variety of work in this department being carried on. Borders not cleaned and dressed should at once be finished. Recently-removed plants should be protected. In the pinum a little protection may be afforded to Pinuses of doubtful hardiness. We repeat these instructions, assuming that the weather has cheated some of us into forgetfulness of winter, whose approach is unusually delayed. We have still Verbenas in flower, and Pelargoniums uninjured in the open ground. Dahlias



SPORTS OF THE SEASON, No. 2.—STEEPLECHASING—"SADDLING."



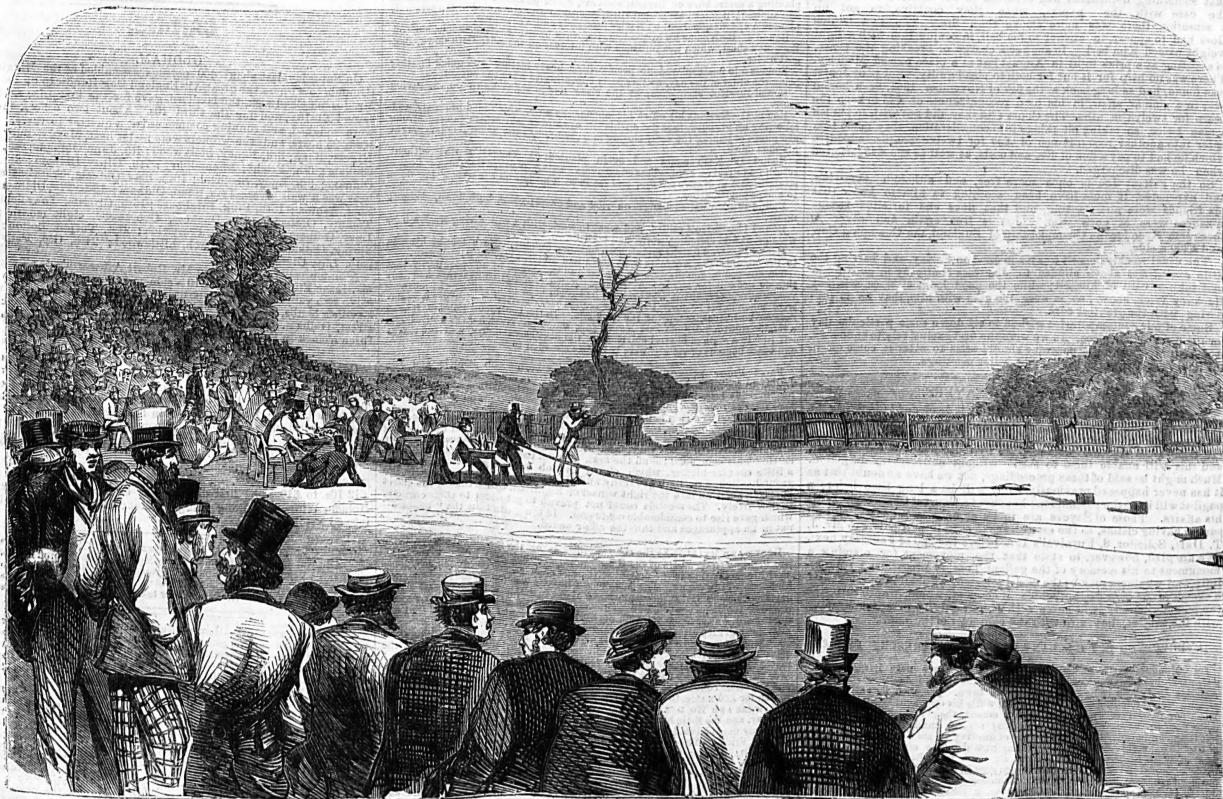
SPORTS OF THE SEASON, No. 3.—PHEASANT SHOOTING—The Prince of Wales's last day at Sandringham.

roots should be occasionally examined in order to counteract the effects of damp, &c. Where a quantity of young plants is required it will be requisite to put the roots to work by forcing them in a gentle hotbed or pit. Abundance of air is necessary to Carnations and Picotees in frames; for when kept in a confined atmosphere mildew is certain to be engendered. Pansies, which during the past fine weather have begun to move, should be carefully protected in the event of severe weather, as they will be much more susceptible of injury. Carefully exclude frost from the beds of Tulips. Those who have not obtained the necessary number of Ranunculuses to make up their beds ought to do so without delay, as the period of planting, the middle of February, will soon be here. If the beds have not been already formed, perhaps the simplest and best way is to excavate the soil 2 feet deep, put in 6 inches of decayed cowdung, covering this with maiden turfy loam to

the depth of 12 inches or more, the remaining 6 inches to be equal parts loam, leaf soil, and sand thoroughly incorporated.

GREENHOUSE AND CONSERVATORY.
About 40° is a good temperature for the conservatory, when not attached to sitting rooms, and used only for the purpose of wintering large specimens without plants in blossom; but where a supply of stove plants in bloom is constantly kept up from a forcing pit, which is essentially necessary to every good conservatory in winter, the heat most suitable is 45° by night, raising it to 55° in the day. Cinerarias, which are great ornaments in this house in winter, are thirty plants, and should be well attended to with water. They are also liable to the attacks of insects, and unless they are looked after they will soon establish these among other plants. Chinese Primroses are also very ornamental here; although they grow well near the glass, they do

best in shaded places. With regard to soil, two parts rough leaf mould, and one of well-decayed cowdung, with a little sand, suits them best, and in this they like plenty of moisture. Camellias will now be swelling their buds. Neglect in supplying water must be avoided, and attention should be given so that it is applied in proportion to the activity of the growth of the plants. This remark applies equally to other plants. Remove flowers as soon as they become shabby. Stove plants will take no injury for a few days in this temperature, but hardwooded greenhouse plants, such as Heaths, should not remain more than a few days at a time in such a temperature. Ferns, train, and clean the creepers on the rafters. The Polargoniums intended for blooming in May, if not shifted already, must be removed into their blooming pots immediately, using a free open soil. Late-blooming specimens must now be stopped preparatory to being potted in the end



SPORTS OF THE SEASON, No. 4.—PIGEON SHOOTING—A Saturday Afternoon Gathering at Hornsey Wood.

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"THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD."
AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.



Na certain day in the year 1520, the monarchs of England and France, Henry the Eighth, and Francis the First, agreed to a friendly interview, partly from the political objects of their respective governments, and also from a proud desire to see and be seen by each other in their kingly magnificence. Pageantry and show were the passion of the age, and upon this occasion there arose an irrepressible rivalry between the two kings to outshine each other in pomp of royal splendour—a rivalry into which the nobles and courtiers of the two monarchs readily and enthusiastically entered. The meeting having been resolved upon, and friendly greetings and protestations having been exchanged, King Henry set out on the 4th of June of the above

dressed and somewhat stolid English audience, to realise to perfection the whole dream of chivalry now passed so completely away. The tournament and sports which follow the grand entry and meeting of the two monarchs and their immense trains, are gone through with spirit and skill, and the dash of manumery infused by the jesters adds to the completeness of the thing. One thing we noted as being somewhat of an oversight. Two or three of the attendants during the tournament and sports that followed, upon the occasion of our visit, retained the dresses, those of ordinary circus ring-masters, they wore in the earlier part of the evening when the various feats of horsemanship were performed. Where so much has been done in the way of dressing the army of men and horses (there are, for instance, no less than 250 suits of brass, steel, and chain armour amongst the items of costume) a deviation so slight becomes proportionately glaring, and we can only account for it by supposing it to be an oversight that has ere this been remedied.

THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.

'Twas a December evening,
Old Johnson's work was o'er:
The old man mused before the fire,
While, sporting on the floor,
Happy, as once himself had been,
Two lovely grandchildren were seen.

Young Alfred he had been to school,
And learned to read quite well;
But Jessie was of tender years—
She'd scarcely learnt to spell;

They found a bill, on which were told
The wonders of "The Cloth of Gold!"

Old Johnson took it from the boy,
While Jessie she stood by,
And, on the letters spelling "GOLD,"
She kept a constant eye.
The old man smiled, "Ah, ha!" said he,
"That was a glorious sight to see!"

"Now Grandpa, tell us all about
This Field of Cloth of Gold?"
"Twas long before my time, my loves,
Yet I am growing old—
But those who witnessed it," said he,
"Found it a glorious sight to see!"

"Great Harry, he was England's King,
No prouder Monarch known;
And Francis rivalled him in fame—
Of France he held the throne—
They met in kingly rivalry,
Ah! 'twas a glorious sight to see!"

"But, was their really so much gold,
To cover all the field?
And Queens and Knights in armour too?"
Old Johnson, forced to yield—

year for Guisnes, accompanied by his Queen and the Court. He was attended by all the noblemen and gentlemen of his household, one Cardinal, one Archbishop, one Marquis, eight Earls, eighteen Lords, a great number of Knights, and a large body of guards and servants, together with the followers of his courtiers, in the different degrees. The Queen was attended by three Bishops, one Earl, three Lords, thirty-three Knights, one Duke, seven Countesses, fourteen Baronesses, nineteen Ladies of Knights, and many gentlemen, besides all the ladies, officers, and servants of her immediate household. The suite of Cardinal Wolsey was nearly as numerous as that of the King. The Prelates, Lords, and Ladies, vied with each other in the richness of their dresses, and the number of their followers. Great preparations had been made at Guisnes for the reception of the illustrious company. Two thousand artificers had been employed for several months in building a magnificent Palace of wood near the Castle, for the accommodation of the King and his Court. This Palace formed a square, each side of which was 8,028 feet in length. The walls and roof were adorned externally with a great number of Statues of Warriors. The interior of the Palace was divided into State Rooms, and other apartments for the attendants. The ceilings of the State Apartments were richly painted, the walls being hung with gorgeous silks and tapestries, the floors covered with Turkey carpets, and otherwise richly furnished. On one side of the Grand Entrance Gate was a Fountain running with white and red wine, and the Fountain, upon which was placed a Statue of Bacchus, bore the inscription "Make merry who will." On the other side of the gate was an Obelisk, with a Statue of Cupid, in the act of discharging arrows at those who entered. Contiguous to the Palace were built elegant convenient lodges for the great Officers of State. On the neighbouring plain were erected 2,800 tents, many of them large and ornamental, and covered with gorgeous silk. The first meeting between the two Monarchs was in the valley of Andern. Francis rode with a Brilliant Cavalry. Henry was informed that, large as his attendance was, the French outnumbered them; and, for a short time hesitation was felt on account of suspected treachery. Nevertheless Henry determined to go forward. He reached the bank of Andern, and there his splendid retinue arranged themselves in their appointed station. The French King and his host of followers, took their position upon the opposite eminence. Francis, with the Duke of Bourbon, holding an unsheathed sword before him, advanced in front of his attendants. Henry, perceiving this, ordered the sword of State to be drawn, and while trumpets, sackbuts, and clarions on either side sounded a triumphal blast, the two great monarchs descended from the hills into the valley of Andern, and embraced each other on horseback. They then alighted, and repeated the salutation, and entered arm-in-arm into a superb tent prepared for their reception, and entirely covered with cloth of gold. They banquetted sumptuously, while the French and English nobles and officers fraternised and feasted. A field was then prepared for feats of arms, 900 feet long and 320 feet broad, divided from the spectators by wide and deep ditches. Two artificial trees, nearly 12 feet high, had been erected, their leaves made of green damask, with branches, stems, flowers and fruit of Cloth of Gold and Silver. The two Kings, with seven chosen Knights of each side, hung their shields upon these trees; and then the two Queens entered the arena, saluted each other, and took their places upon gorgeous thrones erected for them. The Sovereigns, leading their appointed companions, richly apparelled, made their reverence to their royal ladies, and then took their stations for the Tournament. The French King was the first that entered the lists; he rode valiantly, and broke spears mightily. Henry acquitted himself with so much vigour, that at the second tilt the sturdiness of his blow disabled his antagonist. And then the heralds cried out to disarm, and the trumpets sounded a truce.

The sports were afterwards taken up by the Knights and Nobles, and continued throughout the week. These followed joustings, games, and banquettings. Besides the great number of foreign Princes, Princesses, and Nobles, unconnected with the Courts of England and France that gathered upon the occasion, the people of Picardy and Flanders flocked to the scene in vast numbers. The festivities lasted in all twenty days, and were closed by Cardinal Wolsey performing a solemn High Mass, and pronouncing benedictions and indulgences upon the two Kings, their Queens, and loyal followers.

The spectacle produced at the Agricultural Hall under the title of "The Field of the Cloth of Gold," aims at being as correct a reproduction of this gorgeous and memorable pageant as is possible. And it certainly seems to us that nothing has been left undone by the spirited lessee, Mr. Rudin, and the ingenious inventor and arranger of the pageant, Mr. Harrison, to realise the idea. About 500 performers and 100 horses are employed in giving effect to this grand spectacle, and while the magnificent host see anything but signs of the ordinary stamp—the ladies bringing courtly dignity and beauty, and the men the fitting martial bearing—the equine performers are of surpassing beauty. The general effect is grand and imposing in the extreme. Indeed, in our eyes it warranted the sunny plains of France, rather than the grassy area of the Agricultural Hall, splendid as it is that are, and brilliantly lit as it is by Mr. Delrieux's grand chandelier, and the enthusiasm of a myriad French peasants, who three hundred years ago, as now, revelled in such displays, in lieu of the sombre



THE MEETING OF HENRY VIII. AND FRANCIS I. on "The

"I tell you all I can," quoth he,
"For 'twas a glorious sight to see!

"Yes, there were Queens and Princes too,
And Knights of ancient pride;
Great Barons who, in days of yore,
Rode by the Monarchs' side;
They formed a splendid cavalry—
Ah! 'twas a glorious sight to see!

"Their plumes danced in the playful wind
Their banners, far and wide,
Spread like a gorgeous rainbow; and
Their chargers leaped with pride.
Such was the pomp of chivalry,
And 'twas a glorious sight to see!

"And then the grand old Cardinal;
In sacerdotal state—
The 'Banner of the Holy Cross,'
Saint Peter, and the Gate!
These, in the olden times," said he,
"Were deemed most sacred things to see!

"The tents were all bedecked with gold,
And glowing in the Sun,
Made the vast field one golden blaze,
And thus the name begun—

"The Field of Cloth of Gold," said he,
"Truth! 'twas a golden sight to see!"

"Well! Grandpapa!" cried Alfred,
"To the Agricultural Hall
Take Jessie and myself—for there
We're sure to see it all!"
And Jessie smiled, "you will," said she,
"'Tis such a glorious sight to see!"

Old Johnson saw that he was caught,
And gravely shook his head:
"Well, well, the glorious chivalry,
Must not in us be dead!"
We'll go, my loves, like those of old,
And see this Field of Cloth of Gold!"

SPORTING ITEMS.

Weatherby's Book Calendar takes note of 148 meetings during the past season, of which nine were held in Ireland, ten in Scotland, five in Wales, and the rest in thirty-five English counties. The races amounted to 1,862, and were contested by 2,042 horses, or 94 more than last year. The two-year-olds number 659, or five less than last year, and the principal increase is in the four-year-olds. The returns of one large stud have not been received in time; but, without them, there are 711 colts and 730 fillies entered on the

foal list, which also shows that very nearly a fourth of the blood nesses are barren every year. Buccaneer has 33 foals, of which 10 are Mr. Cookson's; Newminster, 38, Knight of Kara 26, Dundee 24, St. Alban 28, Stockwell 34 (including an own sister to St. Alban), Thornaby 31 (six of which are Mr. Merry's), Voltaire 29, Wild Court 28, and Young Melbourne 36, with an own sister to General Peel in the lot. Bravado, by Buccaneer, seems the last name; and we find Rich Wine, Charles's Wain, Mr. Jolly, Louisa Lucy, and Géant de Bataille, which seem feeble enough. Why doesn't Mr. Kingsley have another run at them? Saunterer's foal, like Voltigeur's, Thornaby's, and St. Alban's, is set at 50 guineas, and so is Lily's, who goes next season to the Hampton Court stud, with reserves 10 out of his 25 subscriptions. He has won 19 races (four of them walks over) out of 30, which amount to more than £11,000. With the exception of the Hero, in 1847, no other horse has ever won both the Ascot and Goodwood cups in the same year. He met Cambruscan seven times, and beat him four times; but he had no chance with Blair Athol, either at the Derby or St. Leger distance, or a mile. It is said that he is left for three seasons.

Winkfield, a predecessor of his in Ascot Cup honours, has fared very differently, as we read that he went last week to the knacker's, after repeatedly running away and breaking his knees in the cart of a Mitcham butcher, who bought him originally for 30s. The merits of the Derby candidates still furnish boundless hedging to sporting writers, who generally praise them pretty nearly all round, so as to be enabled, without fear of mischance, to refer back after Epson to "the very favourable opinion I expressed of this horse last winter," or something to that effect. It seems that 276 are still left in the Derby, and that 165 of them have been out in public.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"THE CRICKETER'S ALMANACK FOR 1866."—London: John Wisden and Co., 2 New Coventry-street, Haymarket.—This excellent little publication has reached us, and we have much pleasure in stating that it is in several respects superior to its predecessors of 1864 and 1865. As year after year rolls over us veterans depart and are missed by their own circle and their own county; but, without the aid of the work now before us, their ages, both at the time of commencing and concluding their cricketing and mortal careers, would be lost. The supplying of these desiderata is most amply provided for by the almanack, which, in other matters, also, gives very good data of general occurrences that hitherto have taken place. The revised Laws of Cricket follow the almanack, after which are given in full the matches played by the M.C.C., and by the Counties of Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Hants, Kent, Middlesex, Notts, Surrey, Sussex, and Yorkshire; and also the matches played in 1865 by the All England, United All England, and United South of England Eleven. We cannot forbear quoting the following introductory observations "To the Reader," not altogether out of place, and in our opinion, they are exactly consonant to public feeling:—"J. W. and Co. have this year published the matches of the three All England Eleven, feeling certain, from the great favour with which these celebrated Eleven are received in all parts of the country, their doings will be read with interest. J. W. and Co. have carefully avoided making any remarks upon the play or players, as the purpose of this little work is to record the scores of the matches published as a book of reference." That the almanack must have a greater success than ever, cannot be doubted; for without derogating from the merits of any other cricket publication, it is certain that the scores of County and other great matches published here in *extenso*, are much more satisfactory than a list of averages taken from the columns of *Bell's Life*, a journal which never informs us from what matches its averages have been deduced. We can confidently recommend Wisden and Co.'s Almanack to our numerous cricketing friends.

The Household. A Magazine of Domestic Economy and Home Enjoyment. London: Groombridge & Co. This new monthly candidate is very well got up, and contains a great deal of interesting and useful matter. The leading tale, "Climbing the Hill," is by the clever author of "A Trap to Catch a Sunbeam," and opens very promisingly. Shirley Hibberd writes a very characteristic article, entitled, "Out of Doors." Mr. George Warrier discourses on Dining Rooms; and there are a variety of readable papers on Food Products, Cheap Cookery for Dear Times, Noteworthy Events, Household Economics, Home Recreations, and Things in Season. The price of this useful serial is only two pence, but we think it is well worth the price, and the serial is printed in excellent type on fine paper, can be sold for the money is to us a complete mystery.

The Argosy. A Magazine for the Fireside and the Journey. London: Sampson Low, Son, and Marston. We have before us Nos. 1 and 2 of this new sixteenpenny magazine, and without hesitation we pronounce it to be the most promising venture of the kind with which the public has been blessed. *The Argosy* is, in every respect admirable. Its leading tale, by Charles Reade, who can write magnificent novels as well as revolting romances, is entitled, "Griffith Gault," and is most delicious reading. Such pure, forcible English, but very seldom comes to our hand. Such portrait drawing is indeed rare, and such skill in construction is quite exceptional. We are rivetted to the page as soon as we commence reading, we absolutely devour chapter and chapter, and come to the end of the installment with regret. Mr. Reade may have a rough mannerism in his style of composition, but it is unobtrusive, honest, and refreshing. Robert Buchanan, Henry Kingsley, Mrs. Oliphant, and Alexander Smith contribute articles, and there are papers by other well-known names. A. Matthew Brown has "An Apology for the Nerves," and "On Watching for the Next Thing," two articles which would be all the better if the author did not believe himself to be possessed of humour. If he would write seriously he would write well, but in attempting the humorous, he sinks into the foolish. The blot upon otherwise fair pages, is to be found in the papers by Jason Jones, entitled "The Argosy's Log," which professes to be reviews of the month, but which is in reality the most excruciating bomb that ever found its way into print. Had we a boy ten years old who could not write the history of the month more sensibly and with more uniformity than Jason Jones, we would condemn him to shoe making or some honest mechanical employment, convinced that literature was not his forte. The editor, though he is so strong in his other departments, cannot afford to run such a risk as to allow Jason Jones to print his idiotic mauling under his auspices.

THE RINDERPEST.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.") Sir,—If the rinderpest be the analogue in the cow of small-pox in men and animals, allow me to state my professional brethren, including the veterinary, that the *Hydratis Canadensis* is a specific for small-pox. The animals should be washed over three times a day if any eruption exist with a composition made of one ounce of the concentrated tincture of hydratis, or of the fluid essence of the same, to a pint of water. About twenty drops of the same fluid essence should also be administered internally every two hours.

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"The Field of Cloth of Gold," as represented in the Great Spectacle at the Agricultural Hall

parts allotted to them in a highly satisfactory manner, and the audience testified their appreciation of the services rendered by frequent outbursts of applause.

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THEATRE ROYAL (Lescasse, Messrs. J. F. Warden, and W. E. Mills)—The "Octoroo" continues to run beautifully—every night brings crowds of admirers; such is the immense success of the "great slave sale" that "no room" has become the watchword for every evening, but we do not marvel at this, as the scenes form a diorama in themselves, and bring down rounds of applause. The machinery by which the scenes are changed is simple and with skill, and the music is well adapted to the scenes. Mr. J. Watson, for his part, reflects great credit on Mr. Delman Grace is a pleasing actor and evidently suited for quiet parts, and in his rendering of Salem Scudder he shows us a very fair sample of our Yankee brethren. Mr. Warden's Wal-not-toe is perfection; he has some beautiful situations, which he renders with a telling effect; Mr. Swanton, whose care and study in his artistic skill, in accordance with the views of the audience, the admiration of all, never was more successful, than in his masterly rendering of Jacob McClosky, and notwithstanding the reversion of the character,

receives very flattering applause. Mr. Terry, as Pete, is the grand centre of attraction. This part is rich with humour and negro conception and Mr. Terry never loses sight of the smallest point. In his "I'm a Fool," "I'm a Fooler," "I'm a Freshman," he not only convulses the house with laughter, but also makes the audience cry out to tears in his touching "wind up." Mr. Jordan's *Georgia Pepton* wants feeling in some of the principal scenes. Miss Maggie Finlay represents the ill-fated Fant with aptness. Mrs. Leicester makes many very effective scenes. Miss Mary Miller makes an excellent Mrs. Pepton, and Miss Herbert dresses and plays *Dora Sunnyside*, with admirable taste, while Miss Finlay does honour to the whole negro race, in her impersonation of *Queenie*. The *Georgia Pepton* is a very fine play, and the choice leaves from the flowers of the farce, polish off each evening in elegant style, Miss Jenny Bellair, and Mr. E. Terry adding fresh

QUAGLIENNE'S CIRCUS.—The admirers of cool courage and unrivalled daring are well repaid by a visit to this magnificent place of amusement. The performances are the most pleasing ever witnessed, and given on the most liberal scale; many of the feats are original, and wonderful for strength of muscular power. All do their best to give the audience satisfaction, and have succeeded beyond their most sanguine wishes.

BIRMINGHAM.
EDWARDS' PANORAMA of America and Canada has been located at the Odd Fellows' Hall, and has been fully attended. The views are well painted and highly interesting, and the illustrations, vocal, in-

HOLDERS' CONCERT HALL.—The company here consists of Young Johnny Day, the Australian Champion Pelestrian, who walks a mile in nine minutes; Fred Evans, a comique, Frank Gilroy, the popular Irish singer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee, comic dialogists, the Leedens, sensation gymnasts, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, pantomime, dramatic, and dog performers, Mr. and Mrs. Sansom, comic and serio comic vocalists, Messrs. Ward and Spundley, negroes, Miss Stuart, &c. A series of six tableaux illustrative of the siege of Lucknow, and a diversissement, "The Harem of the Queen Bee," have been highly successful.

DAY'S CONCERT HALL.—The programme here contains the names of *Middle Danti* (prima donna), *Miss Berkeley* (serio comic), *Mr. Busfield* (tenor), *Mr. E. Clarke* (comic vocalist), *Brothers Elton* (gymnasts), *Sister Williams*, and *Mr. and Mrs. D. Saunders*. A superb divertissement—*The Palace of Enchantment*; or, *the Butterfly's Abode*, produced by *Mr. E. Day*, is of surpassing magnificence.

LONDON MUSICAL HALL.—Billstriat, the great *real* trapeze performer, *Bon. Ray* and *Son*, *niggers*, *Miss E. Crosby*, *ballad vocalist*, *Sammy Sang*, *comic singers* and *violin*, *Miss Polly Birch*, *characteristic*, *Mr. Garman*, *tenor*, and *Mr. Mellor*, *comedian*, have drawn full houses.

BRIGHTON.
ROYAL PAVILION CIRCUS.—Late "St. George and the Dragon" has been eminently successful, and drawn large audiences, the acting of Miss Ada Jacobs, as the hero, provoking unbounded approval. The rest of the staid and staff meet appreciation, and the courtesy of Mr. Montague draws enthusiastic eulogies from the frequenters of Ginnets.

OXFORD MUSIC HALL.—Miss Jessy Wheathy's pleasing songs are excellently given, and of the same good stamp ranks Mr. Bishop Hoffman, the renowned blind tenor. Miss Abbott's admirable characteristics elicit encores from the *élite* of Brighton, while Mr. Joe Raymond (comic), and Paddy Nowlan's very neatly rendered Hibernian items command credit from the brilliant assemblages at Youen's Temple of Melody and Mirth.

CANTERBURY CONCERNS.—For the holiday weeks exist Mr. J. D. Kelley, Emperor of Ethiopians, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, the laughable dramatic duettists and dancers, with their clever canines, Miss Topeland (serio comic), Mr. T. K. Symms (comic), Mr. H. Reeves (comedian), and Walratta, the world's wonder, a *la Olmar*.
 "MR. WOBLETON WYNTERBORE'S WANDERINGS" are coming, and promise to prove a source of hearty merriment.

[NOTICE.—Correspondents are requested to send their contributions by

•• We shall be glad to receive communications from all towns not
noticed in these columns.

THEATRICAL REPRESENTATION.An amateur theatrical entertainment was given at the Market-hall, Ashford, to a crowded house, the proceeds of which are for the benefit of the poor. By the kind assistance of Capt. Tucker, the life and drum band of the 6th Dr. King's Light Infantry, who were present, the performance was most successful. It occupied the ordinary time of eight o'clock. The first piece presented in one act by John Brough, Esq., "No. 1 round the Corner." The characters personated were Filpper (Mr. Wm. Tucker), Nobbler (Mr. J. H. Brough), and the Landlady (Mrs. Wm. Tucker). The second piece, "The Soldier," was acted by Solo by Mr. M. K. Batten and Mr. W. W. Tucker, and the third performance concluded with the well-known and laughable farce, "Box and Cox;" John Box, a journeyman printer (Mr. Charles W. Tucker) and his wife (Mrs. Wm. Tucker) being assisted by a Rouncey, a landlady (Mr. Robert Dobb, jun.), each sustaining the

SWANSEA.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The attractions for the present festive season at this house consist of the "Colleen Bawn" and the burlesque of "Lalla Rookh." Up to the present time the theatre has been crowded nightly. Severe indisposition having prevented our representative from attending the theatre for the last fortnight we must defer reporting more fully until next week.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS.—Little Roberts' troupe of Christy's Minstrels comprising the following gentlemen:—Little Bob, R. Jambia, G. Froggett, H. Rogers, P. Pieri, J. R. dman, Fred. Grey, W. Rowan, H. Owens, and Captain Metz, opened in the new Music-hall on Monday night last. If practicable we will report more fully in our next.

MISS POOLE the memorist, has issued a preliminary announce

ment. So has Miss Emma Stanley, of "Seven Ages of Woman" celebrity.

CHATHAM.

BURNARD'S MUSIC HALL.—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Coleman and Will Brown, negro artists, concluded a very successful engagement here last week. This week the company consists of Miss Jenny Stanley, Mr. Fred Brown and Son, a Mons. Elvato Athos gymnastic artist, &c.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

WILSON'S MUSIC HALL.—The whole of the present company terminate their engagements this week. Mr. McGowan takes his benefit on Friday night, and judging from his popularity, and the attractive bill of fare issued, we expect to see a full house.

ST. JAMES'S.—The success of the "School for Scandal" at this theatre has suggested the production of "She Stoops to Conquer."

MR. TOM HOLTER, the new tenor, is reported to have created a perfect furore by his singing at a concert at Cheltenham. Mr. Holter will it is said, make his debut before a London audience next season at Covent Garden.

A young actress named Frambert has been fined by the police of Dijon for addressing from the stage the words "Imbecile! Bete," to a person who hissed her performance. Next evening upon her entering upon the stage, she was received with a great uproar, which was only allayed by her apologising to the public.

The death of the wife of Mr. Charles Dillon is announced. It took place on the 13th ult. in New York, where the lady had just arrived with her husband from Australia.

Professor Tyndall in a very interesting lecture on "Sound" given last week at the Royal Institution, said that if the puffs of a locomotive engine could only be sufficiently accelerated a grand organ pipe would be given off, unequalled by any music on earth.

The Olympic Christmas burlesque, which has been so far withheld in consequence of the continued attraction of "Henry Dunbar," will shortly be produced. The story of the Seven Sons of Aymon forms the subject.

The death of Mr. James Worsall, so long attached to the Adelphi and Haymarket Theatres is announced. Mr. Worsall was born in 1807 and made his first appearance at the Queen's, now Prince of Wales's in 1825. His last part was that of the countryman in "Our American Cousin."

MR. JOHN SAUNDERS, otherwise "Jack Saunders," one of the old Adelphi favourites, has just made his final exit from the stage of life, aged 67. He first appeared at the Olympic in 1818, but afterwards joined the Adelphi company. He was the original Black Sam in the great Adelphi hit, "Tom and Jerry," and continued for a long time a valued character actor and at Christmas clown on that establishment. Lady Don, the popular Australian star, and relic of that eccentric and gigantic comedian, Sir William Don, is a daughter of the late "Jack Saunders."

BILLIARDS.

BILLIARD MATCH BETWEEN ROBERTS AND DUFTON. On Wednesday evening, in the presence of 200 gentlemen, a match at billiards was played in the Exchange Assurance Rooms, Birmingham, between Roberts, the champion, and Dufton, an old and worthy opponent, the latter receiving 350 points out of 1,000. The table used for the occasion was one of the three in the billiard rooms of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. On entering the room Mr. Roberts was received with much enthusiasm, and the play at once commenced. Throughout the game, which lasted from seven until half-past eleven with only a few minutes interval, the play on part of the champion was not of his customary brilliant description, in so far as good breaks were concerned. Dufton, on the other hand, sustained a high degree of excellence all throughout and managed, without apparent difficulty, to come off winner by a fair number of points, the score of Roberts, at the conclusion, being 555. The highest break made by the champion did not reach 90, but this shortcoming was more than made up for by the almost marvellous character of very many of his strokes. The betting was by no means brisk—a circumstance arising probably from the unusually select character of the company, most of them attracted to the room simply from their genuine admiration of the game.

GREAT MATCH BETWEEN MESSRS. CYRUS, DAVIS, AND W. C. HITCHEN, FOR £100.

The exciting match between these well-known players, the conditions being 1,000 up, for £50 a side, came off on Tuesday evening last, in the presence of a large number, in the Subscription Room of the Philharmonic Hall, Lillingston, in the Subscription Room of Mr. Davis 200 out of the 1,000. Play commenced at a few minutes past seven o'clock, the betting at starting being even, if anything. Mr. Hitchen, the favourite, having slung for choice, which he won, they marked two each, when Davis made his score up to 235, to his opponent's 10, but at this early period of the game, 225 to 220 was offered on the latter. Hitchen passed his opponent at 540, and was 600 to 541, 648 to 577, 700 to 599, and now 101 a head. Hitchen made his figures into 787 to 621, and also scored another fine break of 41; it was, when next called, 778 to 628, 828 to 651, 890 to 664, 982 to 674, and the game was virtually over. The match finished at 20 minutes to 11, showing the rapid nature of the play, Mr. Hitchen was victorious by 500, allowing for the 200, Mr. Hitchen being 1,001 to Mr. Davis's 701. The match was played upon a fine table, erected by Messrs. Doroughs and Wate of Soho-square; and it is but just to state that the game was well and correctly called by James Johnson, the marker. The stakes were duly handed over to the winner, as well as many bets that were entered into.

MESSRS. ROBERTS AND G. DAVIS.—These two next played a match, Roberts giving his opponent 60 out of 200. On starting, each gave a miss, when the Champion, being in great force, after marking at 8, made a fine break of 87, out of which there were 17 spot runs. He also made 26 and 83, and ultimately won in the end, by 201 to 115.

MR. JOHN ROBERTS (the Champion) and Mr. Wm. Dufton will play a match of 1000 up, on Tuesday evening, 9th, at St. James's Hall, Regent-street, commencing at eight o'clock precisely. Mr. 29, giving Mr. D. 850 points in 1000. This is Mr. Roberts's last match in London previous to his early departure for America.

MR. JOHN ROBERTS, the champion player of England, leaves Liverpool for New York on Saturday, January 13, by the Cunard steamer Java. Previously, however, to his departure he will play two matches in London; the first on Monday evening next, at eight p.m., at the Oval, Kennington, with Mr. Hitchen, to whom he gives 400 in 1000; and the second on Tuesday evening next, with Mr. W. Dufton, at the St. James's Hall, Regent-street, to whom he gives 350 in 1000. On the night before he sails, viz., Friday, the 12th inst., Mr. Roberts will play a game of 1000 up, at the Queen Hotel, Liverpool, with Mr. John Hurst, to whom he gives 350 points.

RATTING.

MANCHESTER V. LONDON.—The great 100 rat match between George Parkinson's (of Deansgate) famous dog Cruiser and Billy Shaw's champion dog Plincher to kill 50 rats each, for £10 a side. The dog that exceeds 20lb to kill extra rats for pounds weight.

CHALLENGES TO ALL COMERS.—Jenny Shaw will back his old black and tan terrier "Lily" against any dog to kill 50 or 100 rats against any other terrier of the kind, for any sum, large or small; to kill in fair London wood pit, and kill anywhere by expenses being defrayed.

AQUATICS.

HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE.

	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
SATURDAY, Jan. 6	10 min past 5	38 min past 6
SUNDAY	17 min past 6	47 min past 6
MONDAY	10 min past 6	40 min past 6
TUESDAY	10 min past 7	42 min past 7
WEDNESDAY	10 min past 8	42 min past 8
THURSDAY	10 min past 9	49 min past 8
FRIDAY	24 min past 10	2 min past 11
SATURDAY	37 min past 11	min past 12

In calculating the time of High Water at Chelsea, the tide is added to that given at London Bridge, 50 minutes must be added for Putney; Hammersmith is one hour later; Barnes, 1 hour and 10 minutes; Kew, 1 hour and 30 minutes; and Richmond, 1 hour and 50 minutes later than London Bridge.

R. TULIP AND J. RICHARDSON, FOR £20, ON THE TYNE.

These oarsmen contested on Monday last for the above sum, in Jewitt's open wicker boats, from the Bridge to the Meadows House, a reckoned distance of two miles. The Anthony Nichol, Mystery, and Percy steamers accompanied the race. Tulip had the outside, notwithstanding with drawback he was backed 2 to 1. The match was a tolerably good one, but rarely so evenly balanced as the majority of the numerous spectators anticipated. Tulip soon after the start showed a few feet in advance, which soon after magnified into one length, and apparently he did not consider it practicable to widen that gap, so he made a sort of waiting race of it, and he finally won by very little more than ten yards.

Another race took place between J. Scott and Parker, and Foster and Armstrong, double sculls, one mile, for £10. The latter crew was the superior, so they landed by two lengths. The river was very lumpy. Both matches caused plenty of interest and a passable share of betting.

TROTTING.

MATCH AGAINST TIME FOR £60.

On Friday afternoon a match against time (in which Mr. Greenhill backed his mare, Queen of the South, £20 to £40, advanced by a gentleman in the neighbourhood, to jump 20 flights of hurdles within a mile, in three minutes and a half), came off in a field at St. Mary's, Otford, Devon. The mare did her work during the first minute in admirable style, but afterwards she broke several times, and thus lost the match by 30 seconds.

INTERNATIONAL TROTTING MATCH.—An interesting event is on the cards, and will shortly come off in France, viz., a grand trotting match between a French champion horse and one—An Anglo-American steed—secured by the knowing ones as the champion English interests and honour for local stakes. The Gallic trotter will be Abdallah King—a horse distinguished by victories where he has already rattled his hoofs. To oppose him the Sheppard Knapp has been selected, whose achievements at the Liverpool trotting races in 1864, when he showed that he could sweep by Ranger and the other crack trotters, have probably won for him the present distinction. He is an American horse, but his debut was made, and his running has hitherto been in England. He is now training for the coming contest, which will take place during the present month, on the other side of the narrow waters. The competition will be to trot consecutively one, two, and three miles, for £200 each race, in all for £600.

THE MANCHESTER DOG SHOW.

We had intended to have entered very fully last week into the details of the above exhibition, and much regret that we were not enabled to do so, owing to our not receiving the prize list until after going to press, which is rendered necessary to be so early as to enable us to meet the great demand of our large circulation. It is gratifying to state that in this department of the Manchester shows, it proved a decided success; owing to a little to the judicious selection of the gentlemen who acted as the judges, by whose correct decisions the gentlemen who acted as the judges of late has caused such unpleasantness at other places. The names of the gentlemen selected to perform these onerous duties were as follows:—William Lort, Esq., The Cotteridge, King's Norton; John Walker, Esq., Oakes House, Holywell Green, Flint; John Stokes, Esq., Elbow Wood, Rufford, Lancashire; James Mosley, Esq., Norwich; Daniel Ives, Esq., London; and Edward Owen, Esq., London. The former three decided the merits of the sporting dogs, and most successfully too; while Messrs. Mosley, Ives, and Owen had the all times disagreeable duty of settling the claims of the animals which are supposed to belong more especially to what is termed the "Carnivore Fauna." When we state that they gave great satisfaction in saying a great deal, which in nine cases out of ten is not the case.

The stud pointer of Mr. Buckton is a truly able animal, and well deserved the first prize; but we cannot go into details of the sporting class, for on the whole, however, valuable they may be, they do not draw the attention which is rightly to be directed to the class of the Spaniels, Messrs. Vevrey and Brailford should be proud; Mr. James Carter's fine mastiff, Quaker, richly deserved first honours; while in Mount St. Bernard's, a very fine class, the Rev. J. O. Macdonald's Toll, two years old, came nearer to those of Mr. Janbun's than we have seen for some time. Our old friend, Mr. James Hinchey, was very successful in the different classes which were represented, taking first prize in bulldogs, and both in bull and terrier, dogs and bitches, and first in pigs; while, notwithstanding whatever may have been said of the Birmingham Show, Mr. Handley again maintains first position in the class of dogs. Mr. Peter Edder, in Scotch terriers, heads the poll, and deservesly so. Mr. Taltchott's sheep dog, Rover, is still without a competitor; but the toys did not, as usual, come up to the mark. Perhaps, on the whole, the best class was the fox terriers, but in Manchester, as elsewhere, they do not attract that attention they are entitled to. In many of the classes, so popular in London, such as Italian Greyhounds, King Charles, and Blenheim Spaniels, &c., there was no competition.

Several prizes were withheld on the ground of "not being of sufficient merit," but why we know not, seeing as we have before observed, if of the pure breed, and sufficient in number, the awards ought to be given to those which are best in their class. We may have again to return to this subject.

THE LATE BIRMINGHAM AND BELLE VUE DOG SHOW. HANDLEY V. FITTER.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—Allow me, in answer to a letter from Mr. S. Handley, of Manchester, which appeared in your issue of Saturday, to state that I never read a challenge so thoroughly one-sided and cowardly. Mr. Handley wishes me to meet him at Belle Vue, and the Judges to be those appointed at the late show, and Mr. Jenkinson to be stakeholder; a pretty chance I should have, all these being of his own clique. If I would be like putting my head through a noose and Mr. Handley pulling the string. To show I am open to fair play I will exhibit my dog against Mr. Handley's subject to these conditions.—That we select a judge each each, and that the editor of the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS or Belle's Life act as stakeholder and be empowered to name a referee. I must be allowed to say in reference to Mr. Handley's dog that the prize at Belle Vue and Birmingham shows was not the same gentleman also acted as judge at the Birmingham show. After this explanation I leave the public to draw their own inference if I have been treated well or not.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

High Park Corner, Nicholls, Birmingham.
P.S.—If Mr. Handley will accede to the above terms, which I submit as exceedingly fair and liberal, Mr. Handley can have a match for from £20 to £50 or his own sum.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Dr. Murchison, writing in the *Lancet*, says there is a strong analogy, but not absolute identity, between the rinderpest that is now decimating our herds and small-pox.

From New York we learn that the Senate had asked the President on what charges Jefferson Davis was detained in Fortress Monroe, and what he had been asked before them. As the position of Southern representatives is not likely to be soon determined by Congress the gentlemen from the South had resolved upon returning home until the 4th of March.

At Dalton a man named Garland went on to the balcony of his house to clean his windows, when the balcony, which was of slight construction, gave way, and he fell to the ground and was fatally injured. Verdict of Accidental death was returned by the coroner's jury.

The headless body of a respectfully dressed man has been found by a farmer in a lone part of a wood near Aberdare. The legs were tied together with a stout cord, and the body was frightfully mutilated. The head was afterwards found some distance off. The pockets of the man's dress were empty. The body has not been identified.

A great fire has occurred at St. Katherine's Docks and destroyed a number of warehouses and property estimated at upwards of £100,000.

An exceedingly severe gale prevailed in London on Tuesday night, and was the cause of a good many accidents. Several collisions occurred on the Thames, and it is stated that two men were drowned. The roof of a house was partially blown off in the Kennington-road. During the night several cases of fractured skulls and other injuries, occasioned by the fall of tiles and old chimney-pots, were attended to at the hospitals. At Battersea a house was almost levelled with the ground by a falling chimney, and several persons were injured. Disasters from the same cause are also reported from the coast.

The proprietors of the *Times*, after reviewing their balance-sheet, have presented to each of the members of their permanent staff, in all departments of the office, a sum equivalent to a fortnight's salary, in order that they may participate in the large profits of the past year.

A serious case of stabbing has taken place at Highgate. A man named Keeble, while suffering from *deterium tremens*, stabbed his wife in a fearful manner. He seems to have been under the impression that he was being attacked by robbers and used his knife in self-defence. The woman has, it is said, more than forty wounds, and is not likely to recover.

William Henry Oakes Warren, said to be most respectably connected, has been charged with stealing out of the Westminster Hotel. His defence was that he had taken the coat in mistake. He was remanded on bail.

The last week of the old year was characterised by a high rate of mortality. The deaths in the eleven principal towns was 3,413, or at the rate of 91 in the thousand. London is amongst the lowest, being at the rate of 88 in the thousand. Liverpool is at the rate of 91, and deaths in London was 1,503, which was 62 above the computed average number.

Two men have been fined for flogging a horse to death. The poor animal was dragging two tons of coal with the cart weighing about a ton more, up the incline of Camden-road, and was flogged by both men to urge it on. At last it came to a stand, and then suddenly dropped down and died.

The will of Viscount Palmerston was proved on the 22nd ult. The executors appointed are his son, Viscountess Palmerston, and her second son, the Right Hon. William Francis Cowper. The will is dated 28th November 1851. It occupies 20 pages of folio paper. The last sheet bears his lordship's signature "Palmerston" in a firm and clear hand. The personality was sworn under £120,000. His lordship confirms to his wife all her trinkets, jewels, and paraphernalia, and all things constituting her ladyship's separate property, and also leaves to her ladyship absolutely his carriages and horses, and the wares and consumables stores at Cambridge House and Broadlands. The deceased Premier has left his letters and papers to Lady Palmerston, which her ladyship is to retain or deal with as she thinks proper. His lordship leaves to his brothers-in-law, the Right Hon. Laurence Sullivan and Admiral Sir William Bowles, and to his friends Sir George Shee, Sir George Bowles, James Bowles, James Bowles, and to his executor, the Right Hon. W. F. Cowper, six shares in the Welsh Slate Company. The residue of his personally his lordship bequeaths to Lady Palmerston for life, when (with the exception of eighteen shares in the Welsh Slate Company, which her ladyship may appoint and dispose of as she thinks proper) it is to be divided between the Right Hon. W. F. Cowper. His lordship has also left to Lady Palmerston a life interest in all his real and leasehold estates as well in Ireland as in Great Britain, and on her ladyship's decease they are devised to her son absolutely, and the testator expresses his earnest wish that the right hon. gentlemen will, on coming into possession of the estates, assume the surname of "Palmerston."

The Fœnia Trials at Cork have been adjourned. James Mountain, since our last, however, has been acquitted. John Casey found guilty, but being recommended to mercy, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Michael Grogan and Patrick Barry, were convicted and sentenced, the former to seven the latter to ten years' penal servitude. Both these prisoners were very violent, and the latter, the Hon. John Kenny, were found guilty and sentenced each to two years' penal servitude.

Janetson, who murdered his paramour at Glasgow, has been found guilty and left for death.

A man has been held before a London Magistrate and remanded upon a charge of attempting to induce a soldier to desert, become a Freeman, and proceed to Ireland.

The man charged with throwing a five dog into a railway carriage and striking a guard insensible, has admitted his guilt and been committed for trial.

A box containing number of rifles, cutlasses, and a flag of a peculiar description, which arrived from Liverpool per steam ship has been seized at Dublin.

The Ministerial crisis at Florence is over, General La Marmora having succeeded in forming an Administration.

The King and Queen of Portugal have returned to Lisbon. They were enthusiastically greeted on their arrival.

The eight-hundredth anniversary of the dedication of Westminster Abbey was celebrated last week by a special service, a sermon appropriate to the day being preached by Dean Stanley. A movement is talked of for effecting a restoration of this venerable pile.

The Court Journal informs us that "the Queen has spent a quiet and happy Christmas week at Osborne, surrounded only by her amiable family, the Princesses Helena, Louise, and Beatrice, and the Duke of Gloucester. Her Majesty has been reported to be in excellent health, and is still an invalid, and is obliged to be carried to and from her carriage."

The revenue returns for the quarter and year of the most satisfactory character. The revenue for the year has been £59,196,478, against £70,125,374 last year. The decrease on the year is £298,896, which is accounted for in three items; customs (which have felt the reduction of the tea duties), £298,000; property tax (which has felt the reduction of the duties), £298,000; and excise, £298,000. On every other item there is an increase. On the quarter the net decrease is only £62,181.

Another death from starvation is reported from Bafuag-groen. In this instance the victim was a woman, separated from her husband.

Crowe's Hall, Cheshire, the seat of Lord Grosvenor, has been the scene of a great number of valuable works of art, many of which graced the Great Exhibition of 1862, amongst other valuables, have been destroyed. The cause of the fire was the system of hot-air pipes.

Mr. Bright has delivered a Reform speech at Rochdale. He gave it as his opinion that the Government would act wisely in making the Bill simply a Suffrage Bill. To introduce either the ballot or the question of the distribution of seats would impede the progress of the measure and very likely defeat it. He spoke in favour of a household suffrage in boroughs and a £10 rental franchise in counties.

The usual mock looked for New Year's utterance of the French Emperor in the shape of addresses to the Foreign Ministers, whom his majesty receives upon New Year's day, are interpreted as being eminently peaceful.

POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

* Secretaries will render us a service if they will send, or cause to be sent, early accounts of shows, &c., as we are most desirous to make this department of our paper as perfect as possible.

FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS.

JANUARY.

10 and 11—West Cumberland and North of England (Whitehaven). Sec. Mr. Edward Fearon, Whitehaven. Entries close December 25th.
17 and 18—Jedburgh. Sec. Mr. S. J. Turnbull, Jedburgh, N.B.
18 to 20—Kendal. Hon. Secs. T. Wilson, and Mr. W. G. Parkinson, Kendal.
2 and 3—Nantwich. Sec. Mr. E. H. Rhodes, Nantwich. Entries close January 22nd.

MANCHESTER EXHIBITION OF POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

The Belle Vue Show, held annually at the Zoological Gardens, Manchester, by the Manchester Pigeon Society, has become year by year more and more popular. On the present occasion the increase in the number of entries was beyond all precedent, and everything connected with this year's Show augurs well for even a still greater development in future years.

Mr. Jennison made his usual display of ornamental water fowls, exhibited in a state of health and plumage that takes every observer by surprise. They looked as if they had just come from the water. Among the Geese, Pintails, Widgeons, Bantams, Shell Ducks, Teal, and several pens of exquisitely feathered Carolina Ducks.

The attendance of visitors was a complete success, as was the Show altogether. The Mass Hall at Belle Vue Gardens is decidedly the best building in the Kingdom at which poultry shows are held. Although a thousand pens were shown, each one was on the same level tier, each lot of birds rejoiced in the same amount of light, and yet there was room and to spare. In fact the hall would, with but little extra management, accommodate fully two thousand pens, and yet leave the avenues double the width of those met with at our principal shows—a feature adding, in the present day, quite as much personal comfort to lady visitors as ample room for the public does to the quietude of the stock exhibited.

That the Manchester show is taking very rapid strides to the front is a fact that this year's magnificent demonstration beyond contrast is the most and most desirous to the Managers. Jennison hold their present popularity, for, courteous alike to every one, they are only too anxious to give every proper consideration to any hint that may be given to them, without favour, feeling, or party spirit, if offered them as suggestive of any future improvement in their meetings. Under such favourable circumstances, added to a prize schedule well adapted to the subject of careful review and extension as to future meetings, the Manchester Poultry Show cannot fail to fully sustain the reputation it now so worthily holds with all exhibitors of poultry and pigeons.

SINGLE COCKS.

Dorkings (Coloured).—First, Viscountess Homedale, Linton Park, St. Leonards, Kent. Second, H. Lingwood, Barking, Needham Market, Suffolk. Third, J. W. Brierley, Farnham, Surrey. Fourth, H. Rochdale. Highly commended, W. Coppie; Sir St. G. Gore, Bart., Hopton Hall, Wicksworth, Derbyshire; W. Parr, Patricot, Manchester. Commended, T. Burgess, Burleydam, Whitechurch, Salop.

Spanish.—First, H. Lane, Milk-street, Bristol. Second, A. Fenton, Crimble Hall, Rochdale. Third, D. Pares, Bristol. Highly commended, J. Hardie; N. Cook, W. Rose, Park-street, Bristol; G. Bridle, E. Jones, Clifton. Commended, W. B. Bull, Newport Pagnell; E. Jones; A. Heath, Calne.

Cochin-China (Cinnamon and Buff).—First, Capt. H. Heaton, Lower Brougham, Manchester. Second, J. Nelson, Heaton Morley, Manchester. Third, R. White, Bromb-hill Park, Sheffield. Fourth, G. Fell, Springfield, Warrington. Highly commended, J. Nelson, H. Mapplebeck, Birmingham; H. Tomlinson, Balsall Heath-road, Birmingham; H. Bates, Yardley, near Birmingham. Commended, Capt. H. Heaton.

Cochin-China (Brown and Partridge-feathered).—First and Second, Capt. H. Heaton. Third, H. Bates, Vintage House, Yardley, near Birmingham. Highly commended, J. Elliot, Leigh, near Manchester; Capt. H. Heaton; R. J. Wood, Chorley; J. Stephens, Walsall. Commended, E. Tudman, Ash Grove, Walsall; W. Brierley, Farnham.

Cochin-China (White).—First, R. Chase, Tyndal-street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. Second, Rev. F. Taylor, Keastwick, Kirby, Lonsdale. Highly commended, Capt. H. Heaton.

Brahma Pootra.—First, H. Lucy, Hobden Bridge. Second, J. K. Mowbray, Prebendal Farm, Aylesbury. Third, T. Statter, St. James, Manchester. Highly commended, W. Hargreaves, Bacup, near Manchester.

Pulish.—First, E. Smith. Second, H. Beldon, Gaitstock, Bingley. Game (Black-breasted Red).—First, M. W. Stobart. Second, E. O. Gilbert, Puckridge, St. Leonards, Kent. Third, C. W. Brierley, Middleton, near Manchester. Highly commended, J. Hardie; Sir St. G. Gore, Bart. Commended, Sir St. G. Gore, Bart.

Game (Brown and other Reds, except Black-breasted).—First, C. W. Brierley. Second, Sir St. G. Gore, Bart. Third, T. Statter, Stand, near Manchester. Highly commended, J. Fletcher, Stoneclogh, Commended, T. Burgess, Burleydam, Whitechurch.

Game (except Black-breasted and other Reds).—First, J. Halsall, Ince, Wigan. Second, J. Fletcher. Third, Sir St. G. Gore, Bart. Highly commended, P. Norbury.

Hamburg (Black).—Prize, O. Sidgwick, Keighley. Highly commended, L. Batterley.

Hamburg (Golden-spangled).—First, T. Burns, Abram, near Wigan. Second, S. and E. Ashton, Mottram. Third, T. Wrigley, jun.

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Hamburg (Silver-spangled).—First, Rev. W. Sergeantson, Acton, Burnell Rectory, Shrewsbury. Second, J. Fielding. Highly commended, Sir St. G. Gore, Bart.

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Morsey, near Manchester. Pullets.—First and Second, Capt. H. Heaton. Third, Rev. C. Spencer, College House, Atterborough. Highly commended, A. Fenton, Rochdale; G. Fell; Rev. C. Spencer. Commended, Rev. C. Spencer.

Cochin-China (Brown and Partridge Feathered).—First, Capt. Heaton. Second, E. Tudman, Whitechurch, Salop. Hens.—First, Capt. H. Heaton. Second, J. Horrook, Tonge, near Middleton. Highly commended, E. Tudman. Chickens.—First, "Gaxtus." Second, Capt. H. Heaton. Third, J. Horrook. Highly commended, E. Tudman.

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Brahma Pootra (Light).—Chickens.—First, E. Pigeon, Lymington, Exeter. Second, J. Clarke, Chiswick Mall. Commended, J. Pares, Chidlow Hall, Chertsey.

Brahma Pootra (Dark).—Chickens.—First, R. W. Boyle, Galtrim House, Bray. Second, T. Pomfret, Houghton-lane, Preston. Third, H. Lucy, Ince, Wigan. Commended, J. Pares, Chidlow Hall, Chertsey.

Polish (Any variety).—First, H. Beldon, Gaitstock, Bingley, Yorkshire. Second, E. Smith, Tonge, near Middleton. Highly commended, H. Carter, Upperthorpe, Yorkshire.

Game (Black-breasted Red).—First, M. W. Stobart, Middleton-One-Row, Darlington. Second, J. Fletcher, Stoneclogh, near Manchester. Third, S. Matthew, Chilton House, Stowmarket. Fourth, F. J. Astbury, Chickens.—First, J. H. Williams, Welshpool. Second, J. Halsall, Ince, near Wigan. Third, J. Holmes, Knowsley, near Prescot. Fourth, H. Bertram.

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Second, A. P. Leite. Highly commended, A. P. Leite. Commended, J. Percival.

Bovias.—First and second, W. H. O. Oates, Borthorpe, Newark. Bards.—First, F. Esquilant, Brixton. Second, F. H. Walker.

Any other Variety.—First, F. Broomell, Ludgwick, Kent (Siberian Toed Pigeons). Second, A. P. Leite (Laced Fantails). Third, A. P. Leite (Swiss Pigeons). Highly commended, J. Dyson (White Crowned Pigeons, and Passenger Pigeons). Commended, Countess of Dorby (Isabell); H. Yardley.

RABBITS.

Black and White.—First, E. V. Ridpath, Rusholme. Second, H. Handford, Wilford, Notts.

Grey and White.—First, A. Firth, Hyde, near Manchester. Second, G. F. Jones.

Self-Colour.—First, W. Stelfox. Second, P. Eden. Heaviest Weight.—Prize, H. Handford.

Foreign Rabbits.—First, J. Buchanan, Port Vale, Hertford (Angora). Second, B. Robinson (Angora).

Juncos.—Poultry.—E. Hewitt, Esq., Eden Cottage, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, and B. Teaby, Esq., Fulwood, near Preston, judged the Dorkings, Spanish, Cochins, Chinas, Brahmas, Pouter, Polish, and Hamburg classes; and W. B. Tegemeyer, Esq., Muswell Hill, London, and J. H. Douglas, Juniper Park, Worsnop, judged the Game Fowls, Doves, Rabbits, and Extra Stock, and Bantams. Pigeons.—Hartson, Esq., Peckham, London; Dr. Cottle, Cheltenham. Rabbits: Mr. Edward Owen, London.

NORTH BRITISH COLUMBIAN SOCIETY'S SHOW.

This Society's seventh general annual exhibition and competition of fancy fowls, open to all competitors, was held in the Trades Hall, Glasgow, on the 22nd inst., presented by all parts of the United Kingdom, being an increase of upwards of 120 pens over the number exhibited last year. The Pouter classes were the great feature of the Show; young birds being shown in pairs in six classes, for which a silver medal, or £2 2s, was offered, and mustering thirty-eight pens, while old birds shown singly, numbered no less than 192 pens, and had fourteen classes allotted to them. The whole were exhibited in the capital circular pens belonging to the Society; each bird not only having the advantage of a small block of wood on which to perch, but the food and water being placed on the outside in the space between each pen, the comfort of the specimens was secured in every respect.

EXTRA PRIZES.

Silver Cup, or £8.—G. Ure, Dundee. Silver Cup, value £5 5s, for the best pen in classes 23 to 31 inclusive.—J. R. Robinson, Sunderland (Barbs). Oil-painted Portrait of the most perfect Carrier in the Exhibition.—T. Colley, Sheffield.

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